

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

This is exactly the kind of thing expressed as a reason to not abandon the equal times rules and large numbers of media outlets owned by a few individuals.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you. Even if you succeed, this will surely come back to haunt you. George Soros, MoveOn, etc, will use this same reasoning to influence future outcomes of political events.

Is this really the democracy we want?

Political races waged out of rich of the average citizen, being fought by a couple of wealthy corporations or individuals? This would truly make it "the best democracy money can buy".